IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ashley J. Birkett)

Serial No.: 09/930,915) PATENT

Filed: August 15, 2001) Attorney Docket) LOR-102.2

For: IMMUNOGENIC HBc CHIMER) (9720/81175)

PARTICLES HAVING ENHANCED) Group Art No. 1648

Examiner: Peng Bo, PhD)

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

MAIL STOP AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

A Three-month extension of time in response to the Action mailed February 23, 2007, is respectfully requested.

There is submitted herewith the following:

- 1. Reply and Amendment;
- 2. Exhibits I-III;
- 3. Copies of Actions from US Application Serial No.

10/677,074;

- 4. Form PTO/SB/08B;
- 5. Fee for Petition for Three-Month Extension of

Time in the amount of \$1,020.00; and

 $\label{eq:conditional} \text{6.} \quad \text{Fee for additional art (Actions) in the amount of} \\ \text{$\$180.00.}$

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary in addition to those that are enclosed. Should any fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward P. Gamson, Reg. No. 29,381

WELSH & KATZ, LTD. 120 South Riverside Plaza, 22nd Floor Chicago, Illinois 60606 Phone (312) 655-1500 Fax No. (312) 655-1501